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This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:
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This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

Newly executed Declaration, Copy of Declaration from prior application, Abstract
61 pages of specification and claims (including 12 numbered claims), and
21 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.
 Record the attached assignment and return to the undersigned.
 Attached is a Power of Attorney.
 Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
2002-209423	Japan	18 July 2002
2002-224361	Japan	1 August 2002
2002-224356	Japan	1 August 2002

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..
 Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.
 Certified copy(ies) filed on _____ in prior application no. _____ filed _____
 This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. _____, filed _____, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.
 This application is a continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of Application No. _____, filed _____, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.
 Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.
 The prior application is assigned to _____.
It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the above parent application(s) by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached, but pursuant to Rule 98(d) copies are not required.
 Applicant claims "small entity" status. "Small entity" statement attached.
 Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:

Also attached: Information Disclosure Statement; Non-Publication Request; Nucleotide and/ or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; Other: Form PTO-1449 and cited references

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